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CRIT member celebrates World Series victory

Ellsbury's insertion into lineup helps Red Sox turn tide, win championship

He started the 2007 season as a rookie. He ended it as a star, a champion and the pride of Indian Country.

CRIT member Jacoby Ellsbury played a critical role for the 2007 World Series champion Boston Red Sox, earning what could be a long-time place in the starting lineup and turning heads throughout the baseball world.

Ellsbury, who made his major-league debut with a short stint during the summer, was called up again in the final weeks of the regular season.

He made the most of his opportunity, finally dislodging Coco Crisp as the starting center fielder by the time the Sox entered the World Series against the Colorado Rockies.

His insertion into the lineup coincided with a seven-game winning streak that led the Sox back from the brink of elimination to their second championship in four years.

It seems unlikely that the former three-sport star at La Pera Elementary will be heading back to the minors anytime soon — fans and media alike are already referring to him as a budding superstar.

Ellsbury called his Series experience “definitely a dream come true,” according to *The Boston Globe*.

“It was unbelievable,” a champagne-soaked Ellsbury told an interviewer after the game. “As a kid you dream of it.”

Ellsbury has also quickly become one of the most successful Native American athletes in professional sports.

Ellsbury was born and grew up in Madras, Oregon, but is the son of CRIT native Margie McCabe Ellsbury.

Margie said that her son's success has been an incredible experience for their family.

“We're still getting mail, we're still getting

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Jacoby Ellsbury runs to second base against the Colorado Rockies during Game Two of the 2007 Major League Baseball World Series at Fenway Park on October 25 in Boston. (Photo by Jim McIsaac/Getty Images)

Ellsbury's other big score: free tacos for all

Boston Red Sox rookie phenom and CRIT member Jacoby Ellsbury has attained national hero status, but not just for his stellar play in the World Series.

Ellsbury will also go down in history as the player who won free tacos for the entire nation.

Ellsbury's stolen base in Game 2 triggered a national Taco Bell promotion whereby the fast-food giant would give a free taco to anybody who came in to one of their restaurants during

a three-hour period during a day at the end of October.

Ellsbury followed up his Game 2 taco triumph with a dominating performance in Game 3.

Ellsbury collected four hits in one game, a rookie feat that hadn't been equaled in 61 years. He hit .438 for the series, including four doubles, and made several dazzling catches in the outfield.

BlueWater remodeling drawing to a close

Most construction will be finished in December with many improvements

Work is being completed on some significant renovations to the BlueWater Resort & Casino, ones which had resulted in the shutting down of several parts of the facility.

In Spring 2007, the entire west wing of the hotel portion of the facility was shut down for repairs and remodeling. That work was completed this summer.

More recently, the east wing of the resort, as well as the resort's swimming pool, were closed to the public for repairs and remodeling.

“We have always been committed to making the BlueWater Resort & Casino a first-class facility for visitors, and these updates and upgrades will ensure it will be that way for many years to come.”

— Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

Work on the swimming pool was particularly extensive, and included addressing some mechanical and waterproofing issues.

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News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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New year provides us with chance to reflect, look toward our future

Maybe not everyone had as good a year as Jacoby Ellsbury, but overall, 2007 was a pretty good year for the people of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

We continued to make strides toward improving our quality of life, by adding critical programs and services and strengthening our tribal economic base.

We made progress on key measures such as enhancing the BlueWater Resort & Casino, bringing the new Wal-Mart shopping center closer to construction and finalizing plans for a new Tribal produce cooling facility.

And, we continued to work to improve basic services such as law enforcement, health care and services we provide to children and elders.

A few months ago, there was some division in the Tribal community. Some tribal members chose to engage in an unprecedented recall effort against all of the Tribal Council members, an effort which died for apparent lack of interest and support.

It was an unfortunate chapter for our people, but one that has come and gone. Now, it's important to put these sort of divisions behind us and move together toward a brighter future.

We have many challenges as a people that we must face together, but also many more opportunities.

We must continue our hard work to strengthen our economic base and provide diverse employment opportunities for CRIT members.

We must continue to work with local schools to improve our educational opportunities and ensure that Tribal members have every resource needed to make sure they receive a quality education.

We must continue to fight drug use on the reservation and make sure the health care available to our people is of a superior quality.

And there are many more challenges and opportunities we face together — all of which we can overcome if we are united in our purpose and commitment.

So as we move into 2008, it is our hope that the people of CRIT will continue to do what has made us so successful in improving our quality of life in recent years — stand united, as one people, working together toward common goals.

Boards & Commissions seek members

February 2008 marks the month when interested Tribal members are appointed to various seats on Tribal Boards & Committees. The following vacancies will occur; if you're interested in getting involved in Tribal Government, this is a great place to start.

- Irrigation — 1-year term, two vacancies.
- Business Enterprise — 3-year term, two vacancies.
- Big River Enterprise — 3-year term, two vacancies.
- Colorado River Residential Management — 2-year term, two vacancies.
- Education — 2-year term, three vacancies.
- Health Board — 2-year term, three vacancies.
- Liquor Control — 2-year term, two vacancies and one alternate.
- Parks & Recreation — 2-year term, three vacancies.
- Pesticide Control — 2-year term, two vacancies.
- Residential Advisory Committee — 2-year term, three vacancies.
- TERO Board of Commissioners — 2-year term, two vacancies.

Purpose

The CRIT Boards & Committees work in close contact with Tribal Council and are looked

to for technical assistance and recommendations with the exception of Personnel issues, which are handled per the Employee Handbook. The following eligibility requirements are put in place so that each Board & Committee has the best possible applicants to serve the Tribes.

Qualifications

Must be an enrolled tribal member, must be 21 years of age, reside on or within the boundaries of the CRIT reservation.

Applicant cannot be an employee or work in any capacity within a Department the Committee or Board oversees.

Applicant must have related knowledge / experience of the Board or Committee he/she is applying for. Applicant must fill out a Committee/Board Member Application that will be made available the first of January 2008, and submitted by the deadline of February 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. to the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Any federal government employee must have written approval from their respective branch to sit on a CRIT Committee or Board.

These Policies were adopted at the Tribal Council meeting of March 15, 2005.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Tribal Secretary, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, at (928) 669-1223 or e-mail vwtahbo@hotmail.com.

— Letter to the Editor —

Ellsbury's accomplishments important

Number 46 of the Boston Red Sox has made a monumental breakthrough into the epitome of popular American culture, major league baseball. As the first Native American in the league, his crossover marks a turning point in history for all americans.

It is my hope and my prayer that your tribe, with the help of the National Museum of the American Indian, will make a very big deal of Coby's accomplishments. His heritage should not go unnoticed.

Please do take this opportunity to mark

Correction

A story and headline on Page 1 of the October *Manataba Messenger* contained an error. The Colorado River Indian Tribes have moved to evict Robert Johnson, manager and lease holder of the Water Wheel Camp Recreation Area, but the decision to evict rests with the tribal courts and is still pending.

The *Messenger* regrets the error.

history through him in every way possible.

His family, and his communities, have a lot to be proud of.

Congratulations for all he has accomplished so far...and in advance for what he is about to do!

The Hochberger Family

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Boston Red Sox Fans

We want to hear from you!

The Manataba Messenger encourages letters to the editor. You may submit letters with a maximum of 250 words; letters longer than that will be edited for length. You are also encouraged to submit story ideas, anniversaries, birthdays and other announcements.

Send letters and story ideas to:

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You may also e-mail letters to
feedback@critonline.com

Parade honors contributions of Veterans



(Top) The Parker High School 3A West State Volleyball Champions participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in November. (Bottom) The Tuba City High School ROTC in the parade. (Right) The girls in the Tuba City ROTC are just as skilled.
Submitted by Valerie Welsh-Tahbo.



CONSTRUCTION,

From Page 1

The east wing and the pool area should be reopened by the start of 2008.

The work is being done in large part to address deficiencies in the construction of the resort that were the subject of a lawsuit CRIT filed against the original construction contractor.

That lawsuit resulted in a financial settlement that is paying for the cost of the repairs.

It is also giving CRIT an opportunity to remodel and update portions of the eight-year-old facility to make it look as fresh and as up-to-date as possible.

"These repairs and upgrades will make sure

we have a facility that is as modern and well-constructed as possible," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

"We have always been committed to making the BlueWater Resort & Casino a first-class facility for visitors, and these updates and upgrades will ensure it will be that way for many years to come."

Work will continue on the facility throughout 2008 as well, but the upcoming projects will not have the same kind of impact as this year's work has had on the everyday operations of the resort.

Any closures of areas resulting from upcoming work should be isolated and limited to shorter amounts of time.

Planned work in 2008 includes repairs and upgrades to the facility's roof and other areas that are out of the public's way.

Upcoming Events

A Hawaiian holiday celebration

"Mele Kalikimaka: A Hawaiian Christmas Show" will be held at 6 p.m. on December 19 at the BlueWater Resort & Casino Bingo Concert Hall. Direct from the islands of the Pacific, "Mele Kalikimaka A Hawaiian Christmas" is not only a Hawaiian-style show but a celebration for everywhere and everyone.

Hear traditional Christmas carols such as "Silent Night" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" interwoven with a Hawaiian classic "Kuuipo" (which means "sweetheart").

Mele Kalikimaka is translated as "Merry Christmas." From the Tropics, "Mele Kalikimaka: A Hawaiian Christmas" is celebrated with gusto and vitality with soaring vocals and melodic duets to inspirational dances and patriotic tributes.

This show features vocalists Christy Copeland, Manea Manuma and Janoe Kalawa, who simply enjoy the art of singing.

The Mele Kalikimaka Dancers are talented and beautiful with their interpretations of movement and Hawaiian style dance.

They put an exclamation on the production that makes you feel so good about Christmas.

Live in the BlueWater Resort & Casino Bingo Concert Hall, BlueWater proudly presents "Mele Kalikimaka: A Hawaiian Christmas" on December 19 at 6 p.m.

There will be only one show that night, with doors opening at 5 p.m. for the show at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the Gift Shop for \$15 in advance and \$20 day-of-show.

Dig Lounge Schedule

The Dig Lounge is now open four days a week Wednesday through Saturday.

The hours will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

DJ and Karaoke are in the Dig Lounge on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights.

The hours for the DJ and Karaoke are from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

- December 5-8 — "Voo Doo," with a female fronting a three-piece band playing Top 40, dance and classic rock.

- December 12-15 — "The Mix," with a female fronting a three-piece band playing a wide variety of dance music, classic rock and Latin.

- December 19-22 — "Pilot," with a female fronting a three-piece band playing rhythm & blues from the 50s and 60s, Top 40 dance, classic rock, old school and disco.

- December 27-31 — "LA Lyon," with a female fronting a three-piece band playing variety dance music, disco and rhythm & blues.

- DJ and Karaoke will be in the Dig Lounge December 23-26. Also please note that "LA Lyon" will be in the Dig Lounge December 27-31 for New Year's.

Submit an event

To submit an event to the *Manataba Messenger*, e-mail us at feedback@critonline.com, or fax us at (480) 423-1415.

Work set to begin on Child Protective Services shelter

Federal grant will fund most of cost; architectural firm about to be selected

CRIT is about to hire an architectural firm to begin work on a \$1.2 million Child Protective Services shelter, to be constructed on Agency Road near the Indian Health Services Hospital.

The facility will be paid for primarily by a \$825,000 grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, with a \$410,000 matching contribution from CRIT.

The facility will be designed to serve as a shelter for children of all ages, and will include room for up to 20 children.

Child Protective Services provides shelter for children who are not safe in their homes because of domestic violence, drug use or other negative influences and factors.

The facility will include a recreation area for the children in the facility, as well as other amenities designed to make the children feel safe and comfortable.

"This is an area of critical need for children in need of care in our community," said Uyen Le, CRIT Deputy Attorney General, who is working on the project. "We don't currently have the facilities we'd like to have in the community for those children who come under the care of Child Protective Services and need a sheltered place to live for a while."

Once construction starts, the timeframe for completion will be 15 months.

The CPS shelter is one of several key facilities that are being planned by CRIT to help address the issues young people face in the community.

CRIT is also continuing work on the construction of a new juvenile detention center, although an initial grant applications to fund the center was not accepted. CRIT is working on securing other sources of funding at this time.

CRIT PD welcomes training graduates



Two CRIT officers were recently among the class of graduates from the Central Arizona Regional Law Officers Training Academy.

On October 12, Josephine J. Tahbo, a CRIT member, and Salvador Panuco graduated from the program and became certified peace officers, and will be working for the CRIT Police Department. Family, friends, Chief Richard M. Armstrong and Sgts. Ray Barnett and Randy Stewart of CRIT Police Department were on hand to witness the ceremony.

Tahbo also received the Russell L. Duncan Memorial Award as the Most Outstanding Cadet from the graduating class (left).

CRIT would like to congratulate its two newest law enforcement officers and welcome them to the CRIT Police Department.

CRIT Library director honored as a "guardian of Tribal cultures"

CRIT Library Director Amelia Flores was recognized recently by the National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums with a "Guardians of Language, Memory and Lifeways Award." The award, given at the 2007 conference of the organization in Oklahoma City, Okla., honored those "making outstanding contributions to the preservation and sharing of Native Indian Cultures," according to a press release from the organization.

Flores was one of seven recipients of the awards from around the country. She has been the Tribal Librarian for the past 20 years.

The organization's release said that "She has excelled at developing meaningful programs to encourage use of the Tribal library, and she has been instrumental in attracting valuable resource materials about the four tribes for inclusion into language preservation programs."

The release notes that Flores is a founding member of the First Circle of Tribal Archivists, and a trained facilitator of Planning for Results.



CRIT Library Director Amelia Flores (left) receives a national award as a "guardian of Tribal cultures."

She was also one of the first co-chairpersons of the Arizona Tribal Library Gatherings organization.

Flores also gave presentations and talks at the conference as well.

Other CRIT Library News

- The CRIT Library will be have a three day Science/Computer camp for 8-12 year olds during the Winter Break on January 2-4, 2008 from 1 to 4 p.m.

On Friday the group will visit the Bill Williams River national Wildlife Refuge. Call the library to sign up.

- Stop by the library in December and sign up for the free drawing on a 6 ft. Christmas Stocking.

- New in the CRIT Library collection are: "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee," produced by HBO Films and a multiple Emmy Award Winner.

The film is based on the book by Dee Alexander Brown.

Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Flight, and Stick Song by Sherman Alexie.

Stop by the Library and check out the DVD and latest literary editions.

CRIT Library working to save languages

Submitted by the CRIT Library

For the past two years, there has been an ongoing effort to update and add to the existing documentation for Mohave and Chemehuevi because both are endangered languages.

The estimate is that there are about 30 fully fluent Mohave speakers and only 3-5 Chemehuevi speakers. The project, federally funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will generate a talking dictionary for both languages (available on CD with words and associated sound files).

Work for this project has largely focused on finding all existing materials for both languages and digitizing them for better archiving purposes. Additional work with the elder speakers of both languages is helping to fill gaps in earlier collected materials.

In collaboration with the University of Arizona, the CRIT Library archives has been the base for this project as these grants specify the importance of properly archiving language

materials. This CRIT project brings into focus a world-wide problem for languages.

It is estimated that there are 6,500 languages in the world, but that number is declining by two languages a week. There are an estimated 175 indigenous languages still spoken in the United States, but 155 of these — 89 percent of the total — are not being taught to children.

Still, there is progress through efforts to revitalize indigenous languages and there is always reason to be hopeful.

For the languages of CRIT, the most important thing is for grandparents to teach the language to their grandchildren, ideally through total immersion. Why is this important? Because language is connected to all things: it is the basis for a strong identity for individuals and for community; it insures a way of life and secures the land by reinforcing a community's distinct identity. As well, research shows that children who are truly bilingual do better in all school subjects and have fewer social problems.

CRIT Briefs

News from around the CRIT Reservation

Al-Anon group starting

An Al-Anon (Alcoholics Anonymous) group is being formed to help local residents and Tribal members who have ever been affected by a family member's, friend's or loved one's alcohol usage.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Indian Health Services conference room in Parker. It will be a peer support group that follows the 12 Steps and Traditions of Al-Anon.

The goal is to get an active group established for anyone of Native American heritage, anyone who lives on the reservation, or anyone that could access either IHS or CRIT Behavioral Health Services.

Those interested in learning more about the group may call Jacquelyn Dearth at (928) 669-3256.

Book discussion to be held in Jan.

The CRIT Library will host a reading discussion group in January.

The library book discussions encourage library patrons and friends to read the same single book, and then meet one evening to discuss it.

The library staff has chosen *3-Mile Lake* by Darrell Scott, a local Native American first-time writer.

The group discussion will occur on January 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the CRIT Library. Those interested are encouraged to come to the Library any time to get the book.

Reservations are not required, but are welcome.

Space is limited to 16 people. To find out the date, to sign up or for more information, call Gil Harper at (928) 669-1332.

Recognition Awards given out

During the recent Native American Days Celebration, several awards were given out to community members for their outstanding contributions.

The awards included:

- Artisan of the Year: Mary Claw
- Adult Leadership Award: Delano Carter
- Youth Leadership Award: Tahnee Sharpe
- Volunteerism Award: Geneva Moore
- Athlete of the Year: Lorene Page

CRIT congratulates all the award winners for their accomplishments and thanks them for their hard work in the community.

How to submit briefs

If you would like to submit a brief — or any other news article or item — to the *Manataba Messenger*, please e-mail us at feedback@critonline.com, or fax us at (480) 423-1415.

You may also access the *Manataba Messenger* through the CRIT Tribal web site at www.critonline.com.

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MS Word, Part 1: Creating/Editing Documents

Discover how to create word processing documents using Microsoft Word 2003. Practice preparing files using Word's document templates to begin documents. Learn various editing features that allow you to effectively revise documents. Explore ways to quickly copy and move text. Attendance at *Microsoft Windows for Beginners* is preferred.

□ MS Word, Part 2: Formatting Text & Paragraphs

Make your document stand out! Explore the different ways to change how text looks. Learn how to change the style and effect of text. Attendance at *MS Word, Part 1* is preferred.

MS Excel, Part 1: Creating Workbooks

□ Learn how to create basic workbook files using Microsoft Excel 2003. Attendance at *MS Word, Part 1* is preferred.

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Daily Open Lab

Come with your questions! Come to practice what you've learned in class! Open lab time is an opportunity to work on computers in the lab with an instructor present to answer any questions you may have, or call 669-1332

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CRIT photographers work overtime for contest



Submit now, win in February

It was a prolific two months of photography for CRIT members, with a total of 10 people entering the *Manataba Messenger* photo contest.

First place for December went to Fawn Tahbo for her photo of nephew Rexford Allen Lockwood (top left). She will receive \$100.

Second prize went to Stephanie Enas for her photo of a butterfly and leaves (top right). She will receive \$50.

Third place goes to Layla Nez for her photo of daughters Cassandra and Elise Huff sleeping (bottom left). She will receive \$25 for her entry.

Honorable mention goes to:

- Angela Drennan for her picture of Kayle Drennan enjoying a dum-dum at her first birthday party (middle right).
- Loretta Anderson for her photo of granddaughters Amaya and Tiffani in Sedona, Arizona (bottom right).
- Sally Nez for her photo of the sunset near

Poston (opposite page middle left).

- Richard Nez for his photo of Graham Nez, winner of the 34th Annual Native American Baby Contest in the toddler division (opposite page top left).
- Twyla Sackett for her photo of daughter Ruby Mae getting into the cabinets (opposite page top right).
- Denise Carter for her photo is of her eight-month-old niece Lilly Dick enjoying a sucker (opposite page middle right).
- Tonia Stone for her family Halloween photo (opposite page bottom left).

The deadline for submissions for the February 1 issue is January 15.

You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7144 E. Stetson Drive Suite 400, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Or, you may just e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.





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“Mega Throw IV” to be held in March because of conflict

The Ase S’maav Mega Throw, which has been held for the past three years in January, will instead take place on March 22, 2008 this upcoming year.

The reason for the change is that many of the Bird Singers who participate in the Mega Throw have committed to perform at the Arizona Indian Festival in Phoenix, which was scheduled for the same weekend in January as the Mega Throw had originally been scheduled.

The Indian Festival is a non-annual event and is a significant regional draw, so in deference to that event, the Mega Throw was moved back to March 2008.

The Mega Throw is a celebration of Mohave culture through the “preservation of the Bird Song and Dance through CRIT Mohave youth,” according to organizers of the event.

Bird songs are songs sung socially by Mohaves, and most importantly, sung during funeral rites.

The “Mega Throw” is named for the use of the traditional Mohave gourd.

The popular event includes traditional Mohave music, dancing and dress. Performances include Tribal members and singers from other tribes as well.

The Arizona Indian Festival will take place the weekend of January 18-20 at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix. The event is officially a part of festivities leading up to the Super Bowl.

This will be the fourth year of the Mega Throw, which organizers have committed to developing into an annual event.

More information on Mega Throw IV will be included in the next issue of the *Manataba Messenger*.

CRIT member places 2nd in Miss Indian Arizona



CRIT member Jaymee Li Moore (right in above photo) was selected as 2nd Attendant at the Miss Indian Arizona 2007-2008 Pageant on October 13 at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Evereta Lee Thinn, from the Navajo Nation, was crowned Miss Indian Arizona, and Beth Lynn Hinton, from the San Carlos Apache Tribe, was selected as the 1st Attendant.

Moore is the daughter of Jonathan Moore and Lynnette Stevens. She is 17 years old, and currently attending Parker High School where she has been on the Principal's Honor Roll. She has served as the Chairperson of the CRIT Youth Council, a member of the Parker Police Explorer Club and participates in the Anti-Meth Coalition. She plans to pursue a doctorate in psychology.

Moore also won the Evening Wear Award.



Birthdays and Announcements

Birthdays

- November 4, Lia-Sage Welsh — you’re always in my heart cutie! Have a great day, from Auntie Mouse.
- November 5, Lorenzo "Sun-Sun" Tahbo — Happy Birthday, love you always and BEHAVE. Love Mom and Dad.
- November 8, Darwin Welsh, Jr. — You drive me crazy, but I love you. Be strong, Happy Birthday Bro — "my twin," Mouse.
- November 10, Lil' Autumn Tahbo — Keep smiling sweetie, Happy Birthday. Grampa Randy and Gramma Mouse.
- November 11, Laynee Bug Baron — Happy Birthday, from the Tahbos still in the nest.
- November 18, Lila James — Have a special day, no crying — be happy. Love the Ma and Pa Tahbos and Auntie Tayla and Uncle Sun-Sun.
- December 17, Vinton "Whim" Tahbo — you’re growing so fast...have a super day Wimmy. Love Grammpa Randy and Gramma

- (not auntie) Mouse.
- December 27, Omosai "Omz" Dailey — wishing you a happy birthday Hokte. Love you, Mom, your Sonny-Boy, and Gramma.
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- Happy Birthday to the following from your family & friends at McCriters.com:
 December 28 — Margie McCabe
 December 29 — Nikki Jean McCabe
 January 12 — Mavia Kooyaquaptewa
 January 12 — Jessica Harmon
 January 17 — Lizah Goita
 January 18 — Elvina McCabe
 January 19 — Alexandra Goita
 Happy Belated Birthday to Ricco & Rickayla Holt! Love you two very much, love Auntie Tedri & cousins.
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- The *Manataba Messenger* welcomes submissions for birthdays, graduations, announcements, obituaries, weddings and other family news. You may send submissions to feedback@critonline.com.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!



From Your Friends At
The Manataba Messenger

Thanksgiving meal tradition continues



Each year, CRIT serves an annual Thanksgiving Dinner. CRIT Recreation Director Rena Van Fleet served as the coordinator this year. (Above) Hundreds of Tribal members participated in this year's meal. (Right) Debbie DuBrey receives her plates from the Arizona Western Fire Academy volunteers dishing out the food. Submitted by Valerie Welsh-Tahbo.



Get help now to stop slavery of addiction

By the CRIT Department of Health Services

Addiction is a very powerful force. Those who are addicted cannot explain the power addiction has over their lives. Addiction forces addicts to violate their own value systems. Those who have never experienced an addiction cannot understand the power addiction has over those it controls. Addiction is like slavery. Addiction is a Slave Master that forces those it has control over to serve it, even if it is against how they want to live their lives.

As you can imagine, this can be very painful for the addict. That pain could be enough to break the chains of addiction slavery, but Addiction is devious and not easily defeated. In order to keep its control over the addict, Addiction brings in its friend, Denial. Denial works with addiction to keep the addict a slave. Denial blinds the addict from feeling the pain of their behavior. Sometimes an addict will see through the lies of denial and begin to understand the pain addiction has brought to their lives and the lives of their family.

That is when addiction brings in its other friend, stigma. Stigma keeps addicts from getting help by telling the addict, or the addict's family, that there is shame and disgrace in asking for help. Consequently, the addict may not seek help. That allows addiction, and its friends denial and stigma, to continue working together to keep the addict from getting the help they need.

Do not let addiction, denial, and stigma destroy your life or the life of someone you care about. CRIT's Alcohol Substance Abuse Program and Behavioral Health Services have improved and increased the number and quality of treatment options available for Tribal members. As a result, ASAP and BHS clients are achieving a much higher rate of success in treatment than they have in the past. If you, or someone you love, has become a slave to addiction, please call ASAP or BHS at (928) 669-3256 and the staff will work with you to develop a plan to free yourself from the pain and slavery of addiction.

Large group tours CRIT Reservation, Poston Internment Camp

One of the larger non-gaming tour busses CRIT has seen in quite a while visited the Poston Monument and learned more about CRIT's history in early November.

A tour bus group from Sports Leisure Vacations brought a group of 44 people to tour the Poston Memorial Monument on November 9.

CRIT Tourism Director Ron Charles, CRIT Library and Archives Director Amelia Flores, and CRIT Library Technician Gil Harper showed a 20 minute video from the Arizona Historical Society showing when the Japanese arrived at the Poston Internment Camp in World War II.

Charles then gave them a tour of the reservation and the monument. He said they asked questions about Tribal life and enjoyed their tour of the Poston Monument.

Charles said it was one of the larger tour groups he can recall and the largest bus tour he has ever guided, and it was the sort of tourism CRIT would like to see more of in the future.



Fall Gathering brings together many cultures



The Seventh Annual Fall Gathering took place at the BlueWater Resort & Casino on November 17.

The event is a celebration of Native American dance and culture, and includes performances from dancers and singers from throughout Indian Country. This year's event was highly attended and featured several remarkable performances.

Special congratulations goes out to Ron Charles for his work to make the event a success.

(Top right) Members of the CRIT Headstart

Mohave Dance Group.

(Bottom right) Girls of the CRIT Headstart Mohave Dance Group.

(Bottom left) Dance Group leader Sarah Russell, a Headstart Teacher and mentor for 30 years, speaks encouragingly.

(Second from bottom left) The Junior National Champion Hoop dancer wows the crowd.

(Top left) The newly recruited CRIT Navajo Basket Dancers, managed by Mary Jane McCabe.

(Second from top left) The Theodore Roosevelt Apache Crown dancers also gave a performance.

Photos submitted by Valerie Welsh-Tahbo.



Congress is threatening to terminate the Cherokee Nation.

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Decades after Congress stopped its tribal termination policies, California Congresswoman Diane Watson and some of her fellow Democrats have introduced HR 2824 to terminate the Cherokee Nation.

They disagree with the Cherokee Nation's Constitution, which requires all citizens to have Indian ancestry to be a Cherokee citizen. When Congress threatens to terminate an Indian tribe because they don't like a tribe's stance on an issue, all tribes should feel threatened.

Make your voice heard, stand up to this termination bill that has been called "Outrageous and unacceptable," by NCAI President Joe Garcia.

Write your tribal officials, senators and congressmen to oppose HR 2824 and other punitive bills against the Cherokee Nation.

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BIA changes rules for farm lease payments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has made some significant policy changes regarding the way lease holders pay for land they are leasing on the CRIT Reservation.
 The BIA is no longer going to allow direct payment to landowners by leaseholders unless 100 percent of the landowners of a particular parcel agree to accept the payments directly.
 The rule change took effect on October 1, and applies to leases for 2008. Previously, the BIA had allowed those leasing farmland to pay the landowners directly for those leases.
 Those who do not make direct payments instead pay the BIA for their leases, and the BIA then distributes the lease payments accordingly.
 CRIT did not support or participate in the change in policy and believes the Tribes should have had more input in the new guidelines, but

the rules were announced very recently and without a great deal of notice.
 Additionally, if one of the landowners of a property is a juvenile or minor, direct payments will not be allowed.
 And, if one of the property owners is an estate, if a property owner dies, or a property owner can't be located, direct payments will no longer be allowed.
 The change does not apply to existing direct-pay agreements between lessees and landowners until those agreements expire, so those currently making direct payments need not be concerned about an immediate change.
 However, if the landowners' circumstances change as outlined above, the existing pay agreements become void and the new rules will apply.

ELLSBURY,

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requests for autographs," she said. "It's been quite an experience, really."
 When Ellsbury, who is Navajo, was 12 years old, he came to Parker with his family to stay with his ailing grandmother. It was then that he made a memorable impression on his fellow tribal members playing football, basketball and baseball at La Pera Elementary.
 Ellsbury moved back to Oregon where he eventually landed a baseball scholarship at Oregon State, where he excelled and was named All-American. CRIT helped pay for part of the scholarship Ellsbury had at Oregon state, Margie Ellsbury said.
 Ellsbury was a first-round draft pick by the Red Sox a couple of years ago.
 He and his family stay in close touch with their many proud relatives and friends in the CRIT community.

Margie Ellsbury said that Jacoby has spent much of the offseason participating in celebrations of the title, including ones in his hometown in Oregon, which threw him a parade recently.
 "We're all very proud of him, and he's getting a lot of fan mail right now," she said. "I had no idea that kids and young people would be this crazy about him."
 CRIT and local residents are currently working on plans to bring Ellsbury to Parker this offseason to recognize his accomplishments.
 Margie Ellsbury said that Jacoby was also recently named the Red Sox' Minor League Player of the Year, an award he will be presented with in January.
 At press time, Major League Baseball was having its annual meetings, where a great deal of player trading takes place.
 Ellsbury's name had come up in trade conversations regarding some star players, with rumors including a possible trade to Minnesota for Johan Santana, widely regarded as the best pitcher in baseball.



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